

**November 23-25, 2013**

**Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.**

### **WLNS-TV(6)/Lansing: Families Celebrate Michigan Adoption Day**

"Hundreds of families officially welcomed a new loved one into their home on Friday as part of the 11th annual Michigan Adoption Day. The statewide celebration co-sponsored by the Michigan Supreme Court and the Michigan Department of Human Services draws attention to the need for more adoptive parents by holding official adoption ceremonies in the court for the public to see. [Michigan Supreme Court Justice Stephen Markman joined Jackson County Judges Diane Rappleye and Richard LaFlamme on Friday for the special day, commemorated in counties throughout the state.]"

[Full story](#)

### **The Hasting Banner: Barry County judges finalize and celebrate adoptions**

"Barry County Judges Bill Doherty, Amy McDowell and Mike Schipper gathered in the circuit courtroom to honor National Adoption Day Nov. 22 and preside over two adoptions. Chief Judge Doherty, who also is the county's probate judge, said in the time he has been on the bench, he has presided over 250 adoptions."

[Full story](#)

### **ABC-TV(10)/Ishpeming: Reception to honor Marquette Co. adoptive families Tuesday**

"On Tuesday, Marquette County Probate Judge Cheryl Hill will honor Marquette County's adoptive families and invites the community to share in giving thanks for families that open their hearts and homes to foster children and provide these children with their 'forever families.' Judge Hill will finalize four local adoptions and honor adoptive families with a reception at the Marquette County Courthouse as part of Michigan Adoption Day."

[Full story](#)

### **The Evening News/Sault St. Marie, MI: Michigan Adoption Day to be celebrated Tuesday**

"In preparation for Michigan Adoption Day on Tuesday local participants including Chippewa County Circuit Court Judge James Lambros, District Court Judge Elizabeth Church, Juvenile Referee Eric Blubaugh and the staff of the Chippewa County Courts gathered for a celebration ahead of the big day."

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### **The Holland Sentinel: Tuesday is National Adoption Day**

"On Tuesday, National Adoption Day, judges in Ottawa and Allegan counties' circuit courts will host a public celebration, which includes finalizing some adoptions.... Those who wish to celebrate Tuesday's adoptions can attend Ottawa County's 20th Circuit Court actions from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday at the court offices, 12120 Fillmore St., West Olive; or at 1:30 p.m. at Allegan County's 48th Circuit Court offices, 113 Chestnut St., Allegan."

[Full story](#)

### **WWJ Newsradio 950 AM/Detroit: Families Look Forward To Becoming Whole On Michigan Adoption Day**

"... In what is now a holiday tradition for many local family courts, Michigan Adoption Day will be celebrated on November 26. Thirty Michigan counties will participate, finalizing the adoptions of about 80 children. Lauren Howard, who is in charge of Juvenile adoptions in the Oakland County court system, said

many courts will be finalizing adoptions and others will hold informational events to reach potential adoptive parents."

[Full story](#)

### **WLKM Radio 95.9 FM/Three Rivers: Michigan Adoption Day**

"The St. Joseph County Probate Court will celebrate on Tuesday the 11th annual Michigan Adoption Day during a program at the county courthouse. Staged in conjunction with the Department of Human Services, the event takes place in Judge David Tomlinson's courtroom from 10 a.m. to noon."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

### **Michigan Adoption Day 2013 to be held Tuesday, November 26**

**State's celebration of adoptive families now in 11th year, includes 30 counties**

[Press release](#)

### **Detroit Legal News: Midland judge to receive lifetime achievement award**

"A Midland judge who is leading the state's effort to end the 'school to prison pipeline' is the recipient of this year's Daniel J. Wright Lifetime Achievement Award, presented by the Michigan Supreme Court and the Michigan Department of Human Services.... [Judge Dorene] Allen will receive the award at the Supreme Court's Michigan Adoption Day ceremony on Tuesday, November 26, at the Hall of Justice in Lansing."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

### **Midland Judge Dorene S. Allen to receive Daniel J. Wright Award**

**Honor recognizes exceptional work on behalf of Michigan children and families;  
Allen's success in reducing juvenile delinquency cited**

[Press release](#)

### **The Detroit News: Appeals court ruling lets DTE Energy make changes at plant**

"The Michigan Court of Appeals handed DTE Energy a victory Friday in the power provider's quest to move forward with changes to its coal-burning plant in Monroe County. For more than two years, the Michigan chapter of the Sierra Club has challenged permits issued to the utility by Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality."

[Full story](#)

### **The Detroit News: Michigan, U.S. launch joint investigation into meningitis outbreak**

"Michigan will join the federal government in a criminal investigation stemming from the outbreak of fungal meningitis that struck 20 states and killed 19 people here.... Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette and U.S. Attorney Carmen Ortiz held a press conference Monday morning announcing the joint investigation.... In April, a Michigan appeals court approved prosecutors' request for a grand jury hearing on the matter, clearing the way for Monday's announcement."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

### **Detroit Free Press: Bill Schuette seeks justice in meningitis outbreak, announces joint investigation**

[Full story](#)

### **Daily Press & Argus: Brian Dickerson: Court picks put bipartisan face on GOP power play**

"In a move that appears calculated to deflect criticism of a bill designed to funnel lawsuits against the Snyder administration to more sympathetic judges, a unanimous state Supreme Court appointed a bipartisan quartet of appellate judges to staff the reconfigured state Court of Claims."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

### **Ingham County Legal News: Court of Claims Legislation Developments**

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### **Detroit Legal News: Host in Hamtramck**

"Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Michael Talbot was the guest speaker at the Polish American Legal Society (PALS) general meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 13, at the Polish Village Cafe in Hamtramck.... The Michigan Supreme Court took superintendent control over [the 36th District Court] at the end of May this year."

[Full story](#)

### **Grand Rapids Business Journal: State appoints former Grand Rapids attorney solicitor general**

"A former Grand Rapids attorney will become the state's solicitor general next month. Attorney General Bill Schuette announced Thursday the appointment of attorney Aaron Lindstrom as solicitor general. He will take over the post on Dec. 7. Lindstrom joined the state's Solicitor General Bureau in 2012."

[Full story](#)

### **Grand Rapids Press: Former owner of marijuana dispensary allowed to use medical marijuana despite conviction**

"The man who shut down his medical marijuana dispensary as part of a plea deal is still allowed to use the plant to treat his own chronic condition. Kent County Circuit Judge Mark Trusock ruled on Friday, Nov. 22, that David Overholt met the requirements to use medical marijuana under Michigan law."

[Full story](#)

### **Ingham County Legal News: By the book Life of legendary judge in spotlight**

"Philanthropist A. Alfred Taubman, the real estate magnate universally credited with pioneering the modern shopping mall, wanted to do 'something special' for his longtime friend, Damon J. Keith, the distinguished federal jurist who has devoted a career to 'fighting the good fight' for social and racial justice."

[Full story](#)

### **Macomb County Legal News: Riding for those who served**

"The Macomb County Veterans' Treatment Court has been in operation since last spring, aimed at helping veterans of the armed forces obtain treatment or other services to address underlying problems. A fundraiser was held earlier this fall to benefit the Friends of Macomb County Veterans' Treatment Court, a non-profit group that provides aid to vets who suffer from issues related to military service."

[Full story](#)

### **The Macomb Daily: Griem reprimanded by attorney watchdog group for Bashara case subpoenas**

"The former attorney for Bob Bashara was reprimanded by the state Attorney Discipline Board for improperly filing investigative subpoenas related to the probe of Jane Bashara's murder. David Griem, who was named Warren city attorney in June, was cited for issuing subpoenas in early 2012 for the employment and telephone records of Bashara's eventual co-defendant, Joe Gentz, even though Bashara had not been charged with a crime."

[Full story](#)

### **The Macomb Daily: Drug court granted to burglar of Roseville homes**

"A Roseville man who broke into several homes in his neighborhood was granted entry into the county drug court program, after he completes a short jail stay and inpatient treatment. Judge Diane Druzinski issued a sentence Friday to Christopher Baldes that includes 240 days behind bars (less 100 days time served) and an intensive rehabilitation program aimed at curing his addiction to crack cocaine and heroin."

[Full story](#)

### **National Review/NY: In Victory for Open-Carry Advocates, Michigan Supreme Court Declines to Hear Library's Appeal**

"Michigan libraries will no longer be able to regulate firearms on their property after the state's Supreme Court declined to hear an appeal on the issue. Michigan Open Carry, a Second Amendment rights group, challenged the Capital Area District Library's ban on open carry of handguns in February 2011, alleging that it violated state law as well as the Michigan and U.S. constitutions."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

### **The Liberty Crier: Michigan Supreme Court Upholds Open Carry**

[Full story](#)

### **Oakland County Legal News: Fourth-generation attorney sworn in by father**

"In an emotional ceremony on Nov. 1, Sean M. McNally of Trenton became the eighth member of his family to be sworn in to practice law in Michigan. The ceremony was conducted by his father, Judge Michael K. McNally, at the 33rd District Court in Woodhaven, and included five family members currently licensed to practice law in the state."

[Full story](#)

### **Oakland County Legal News: Courts closed**

"The Oakland County Circuit and Probate Courts will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28-29, for the Thanksgiving holiday.... The Michigan Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, and the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28-29, for the Thanksgiving holiday."

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### **The Oakland Press Blog: Step-Parent Adoption Goes to the Michigan Supreme Court**

"... There is a statute in Michigan that provides for the termination of a divorcee's parental rights if that parent neglects to pay child support and fails to communicate with the children for two years. For this to occur, the other parent must re-marry and the new spouse must petition for the termination of parental rights as part of a step-parent adoption proceeding. In a case just recently accepted for briefing and argument by the Michigan Supreme Court, the concept of legal custody within the context of the step-parent adoption statute will be decided."

[Full story](#)

### **PR Web: Newburg Law to Protect Fired Medical Marijuana Patient's Unemployment Benefits before the Michigan Court of Appeals**

"The Michigan Court of Appeals has decided to hear an appeal, *Kemp v Hayes Green Beach Hospital* (Court of Appeals Docket No. 315441), addressing whether a medical marijuana patient, fired for her use of marijuana during non-work hours, is disqualified for unemployment benefits under Michigan state law. Newburg Law, PLLC, a law firm specializing in medical marijuana appellate practice, is defending the Ms. Kemp's rights on appeal."

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